

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 90th birthday of Jo Anne Corbitt Laney.

HONORING MRS. DORA SMITH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated trailblazer Mrs. Dora Smith. Dora has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Dora is a native of Vicksburg where she attended and graduated from Rosa A. Temple in 1965. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Educational Psychology from Alcorn State University.

Dora, a woman of integrity, honor and dignity, was the first black female officer at the Vicksburg Police Department, where she worked for 26 years. In this capacity, she has worked in patrol, Juvenile Division, desk sergeant and Drug and Alcohol Division.

As a member of the Vicksburg Police Department, Dora touched the lives of many children through her work in the Juvenile Division and in her relationship with child abuse agencies, shelters, and MS Dept. of Human Services. On her off days from the police department, Dora worked as substitute teacher at Vicksburg Public School District. After retirement, she worked as a security guard at Riverwalk Casino, where she is recognized as a Happy Hero.

Dora has received the Officer of the Year Award from Vicksburg Benevolent Homecoming Organization; Officer of the Year from the American Legion Hut and a certificate of Appreciation from the Mike Moore Drug & Alcohol Division for being steadfast and tenacious in her efforts to help children not abuse drugs and alcohol.

She is the proud wife of Charles Smith, Sr., who she was joined in holy matrimony on April 14, 1968. Dora and Charles have 5 children, and two followed in her footsteps and chose law enforcement as a career. Dora is member of the King David M. B. Church No. 1, where she is committed to the women ministry and is the program coordinator.

She is a member of the Vicksburg NAACP Chapter, Alcorn Alumni Association, and the Essence Social & Civic Club, where she is the founding member, mentor and event's organizer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Dora Smith for her passion and dedication to serve others and the City of Vicksburg.

RECOGNIZING CASWELL COUNTY

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Caswell County for celebrating its 245th anniversary.

Caswell County has a rich history, and a celebration of the county is a celebration of the people who made the region home. Established on June 1, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the county was named in honor of Richard Caswell, one of North Carolina's delegates to the Continental Congress and the state's first non-colonial governor. Throughout the years, Caswell County has left an indelible mark on the trajectory of the Old North State. It was the birthplace of many distinguished North Carolinians such as our "Father of Education" Archibald Murphy, and it was the home of acclaimed furnituremaker Thomas Day. The county's farmers developed the land into an agricultural powerhouse for over two centuries, and they gained international renown for discovering the region's distinct "bright leaf" flue-cured tobacco. Caswell County is fortunate to continue to have residents and community leaders who are proactively engaged on the top issues facing the county and are always looking to improve the quality of life for its citizens.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Caswell County for celebrating this momentous anniversary. It is my sincere hope that the county will continue to prosper over the next two centuries and beyond.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for the following votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 183; NAY on Roll Call No. 184; NAY on Roll Call No. 185; NAY on Roll Call No. 186; NAY on Roll Call No. 187; NAY on Roll Call No. 188; NAY on Roll Call No. 189; YEA on Roll Call No. 190; YEA on Roll Call No. 191; YEA on Roll Call No. 192; NAY on Roll Call No. 193; YEA on Roll Call No. 194; YEA on Roll Call No. 195; YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; YEA on Roll Call No. 198; YEA on Roll Call No. 199; YEA on Roll Call No. 200; YEA on Roll Call No. 201; YEA on Roll Call No. 202; YEA on Roll Call No. 203; YEA on Roll Call No. 204; YEA on Roll Call No. 205; YEA on Roll Call No. 206; YEA on Roll Call No. 207; NAY on Roll Call No. 208; NAY on Roll Call No. 209; YEA on Roll Call No. 210; NAY on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; YEA on Roll Call No. 213; YEA on Roll Call No. 214; YEA on Roll Call No. 215; YEA on Roll Call No. 216; YEA on Roll Call No. 217; YEA on Roll Call No. 218; YEA on Roll Call No. 219; NAY on Roll Call No. 220; NAY on Roll Call No. 221; YEA on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; YEA on Roll Call No. 228; NAY on Roll Call No. 229; NAY on Roll Call No. 230; YEA on Roll Call No. 231; and NAY on Roll Call No. 232.

FOOD AND DRUG AMENDMENTS OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in full support of H.R. 7667, the Food and Drug Amendments Act of 2022 and I'm proud to sponsor this strong, bipartisan FDA user fee bill.

Our nation is an international leader in biomedical innovation. With that achievement comes an increasingly complex FDA review process for drugs and devices. Over the past few decades, the user fee agreements have evolved to ensure the FDA has the resources necessary so its reviews for drugs and devices are prompt, transparent, and predictable. The agreements included in the bill before us today are the latest evolution, and will in total, provide billions of dollars to the FDA over the next five years, allowing FDA to hire hundreds of new full-time employees. These resources will help the FDA recover from the pandemic and pick up its regular day-to-day work even more effectively.

Beyond the user fee agreement, the bill includes several important legislative riders. It includes key portions of my bipartisan DEPICT Act, which I introduced with Representatives KELLY and FITZPATRICK. FDA data shows that for the drugs approved in 2020, 75 percent of clinical trial participants were white. Only 8 percent of trial participants were African American and 11 percent were Hispanic. The DEPICT Act included in the bill would statutorily require drug companies to demonstrate how they will include diverse populations in their clinical trials by reporting to FDA a "diversity action plan" with targets by demographic subgroups. As we heard from Dr. Mesa during our hearing, diverse clinical trials are not only fair and just—it's good science.

H.R. 7667 also includes important reforms to the FDA's inspections program based on bills introduced by Representatives GRIFFITH and WELCH, as well as by myself and Representative HUDSON. These provisions will help the FDA catch up from a two-year inspection backlog due to the pandemic and conduct a pilot program of unannounced foreign inspections.

H.R. 7667 includes targeted reforms to improve the accelerated approval program so that drugs approved under that program ultimately show their clinical effectiveness.

The bill reauthorizes the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BPCA), which I first authored in 1997. Thanks to BPCA and its partner, the Pediatric Research Equity Act, 900 drugs newly have pediatric use information.

Overall, this is a very strong bill with many worthy reforms, and I encourage my colleagues to vote for it.

HONORING WHITE STAR
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the history of White Star Missionary Baptist Church.

The history of White Star Missionary Baptist Church will help to inspire the present and future congregations. Since its beginning, White Star has stood pointing men and women, boys, and girls to the Heavenly way. Amid world turmoil in the face of strife and war, and at times when Christian ideals are crumbling this church has ever held high the banner of Christ who said, "Upon this rock I build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

White Star Church had its beginning intricately tied to another church, the "Colored Methodist Episcopal Church." The first church held its services in the Methodist church building that was located on the northwest corner of Railway Avenue and Willis Street (the present residence of Mr. & Mrs. S.A. Payton). White Star Church developed out of the desires of and efforts of some of the residents of Belzoni to organize a church. These members met in the Methodist building until they were able to purchase the Methodist lots and build their own church. According to Mrs. Geneva York and the legal documents at the county courthouse, White Star Church was organized in 1915.

The White Star Church became a separate entity in 1920 under the leadership of its first pastor, the Reverend I.E. Taylor. During his leadership, White Star Church moved to its present site at 609 Railway Avenue.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing White Star Missionary Baptist Church for their dedication and tenacity to serving their members and community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDREW R. GARBARINO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 233, I mistakenly voted Yea when I intended to vote Nay.

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE 340B DISCOUNT
DRUG PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, in West Virginia, the 340B Drug Pricing Program is essential to providing access to low-cost medicine for individuals in rural and underserved areas.

Without it, many health care providers would not be able to deliver critical services to the communities they serve.

The benefits are clear and the need is obvious, not just in West Virginia, but for rural and underserved communities across the country.

Since coming to Congress more than a decade ago, I've been strong advocate for the 340B program.

It has been an honor to join Rep. SPANBERGER on numerous occasions in our ongoing effort to defend and protect 340B, because it is the right thing to do for the people we serve.

On the 30th anniversary of the program, we must recommit to holding pharmaceutical companies accountable and protect the program going forward. This means ensuring care for the uninsured, low-income and rural patients is not interrupted and our most vulnerable communities continue to have access to affordable medicine.

If 340B ended in West Virginia, for example, the State's hospitals would see losses of nearly \$300 million, resulting in services being cut, and access to care and low-cost prescriptions severely limited, hurting the neediest people the most.

We need to stay engaged and keep up the charge. God Bless America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF J.D. HESS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize J.D. Hess.

J.D. was first elected in 1990 and has served as Calhoun County District 4 Commissioner for 28 years—the longest serving commissioner in Calhoun County history. His service was from 1990 through 1998 and 2002 through 2022. The district includes Blue Mountain, Saks, Weaver, Alexandria, Pleasant Valley, Cedar Springs, Wellington, and Webster's Chapel.

J.D. is a lifelong resident of Calhoun County. Before his time as Commissioner, he served in the United States Army Reserve and as a fireman. He also owned a small business. Some of J.D.'s accomplishments in office include the Tag and License Branch Office, Ronnie Carr Park, the Camp McClellan Horse Trails, the reopening of Woodland Park in Lenlock, and the AgCenter's development. He also had a hand in starting community centers across his district including in Saks, Alexandria, Webster's Chapel and Weaver as well as numerous road and bridge projects.

J.D. is a founding board member of the Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame. He has supported numerous youth and school programs and projects throughout the county. He is a supporter of Jacksonville State University and a past Gamecock Club President. J.D. has been involved in various community and civic organizations and is an active member of First Baptist Church of Saks.

J.D. plans to spend time with his wife, Debbie, family, and his grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing my friend, J.D. Hess, and his tireless service for the folks across Calhoun County.

HONORING ABUNDANT LIFE AS-
SEMBLY CHURCH OF APOSTOLIC
FAITH, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable church, Abundant Life Assembly Church of Apostolic Faith, Inc.

In 1978, God instructed Apostle James T. Herrington, a native of Sardis, Georgia, to transition from his surroundings because he had been assigned to a greater work. Leaving his family behind, Apostle, his wife, and young son moved to Grenada, Mississippi, and started what was then, a very humble ministry.

Apostle James T. Herrington is the Vice President of the General Board of the Alliance of Apostolic Churches of Christ Jesus (AACCJ). He is a member of the Grenada Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; Grenada Chamber of Commerce; Grenada's Chapter of 100 Black Men of America; and Grenada's Chapter of the Rotary Club.

The Abundant Life Assembly Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. was literally birthed out of his heart and was the first apostolic church to grace the city of Grenada.

Since the church's inception in 1982, and its humble beginning, the church has experienced tremendous growth and now Apostle serves as Senior Pastor of this assembly and Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle of the Abundant Life Assembly Churches of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. (ALCAF) which has churches throughout the southeastern continental United States.

June 2022, the Abundant Life Assembly Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. will honor its' 40-year anniversary. The ALCAF has done so much for the Grenada community. Through ALCAF, Apostle Herrington has provided a daycare for children to attend, and he has provided transportation to the community that needed rides to their doctor appointments or work. Apostle Herrington has also provided food boxes.

We are very thankful for Abundant Life Assembly Church of Apostolic Faith, Inc. and Apostle James T. Herrington for all the astonishing things he has done for the Grenada community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Abundant Life Assembly Church of Apostolic Faith, Inc. for its longevity and dedication to serving the community.

CELEBRATING THE MERGER BE-
TWEEN THE BUILDERS' ASSOCIA-
TION AND THE KANSAS CITY
CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATED
GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO
FORM THE BUILDERS, A CHAP-
TER OF THE AGC

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the merging of The Builders' Association and the Kansas City Chapter